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that is caused by a few hunters going out into the country is minor compared to that which we have already enacted in legislation that has come before this body and I would suggest that 85% of those birds are going to die anyway. The biologists tell us this and I would suggest, having watched many of the hunters that come out to the country that percentage is not going to increase and I do not have to suggest that, perhaps, those persons who are afraid of that hunter invasion are not too well founded but I have not had any problem with hunters that come out to my part of the country to hunt. Maybe I am lucky that I live far enough from those areas where the hunters are concentrated, but for the most part, the hunter that comes out in the country is a pretty decent sportsman. I would suggest that, perhaps, what we are doing here. We are branding those poor sportsmen and we are taking the good sportsmen and putting them all together. But all we are doing when we say you can't hunt or you can't do this or you can't do that is that we legislate against the good sportsmen. The guy that is going to go out and shoot at your cattle and shoot at your fences and your mailboxes and any other thing that doesn't move or moves, he is still going to do it whether we pass the dove bill or not. In fact, he may do more of it but I would suggest that we are not going to have the real serious problem that I know some of my own people think we are going to have. If this were the only problem that we caused the farmer in the state of Nebraska this session of the Legislature, it would have been a most wonderful session and I would suggest that the bill ought to be advanced off General File.

SPEAKER: Senator Keyes, did you wish to speak again or do you just have your light on? OK. Then we will go to Senator Syas, second time around. Senator Schmit, will you turn your light off, please?

SENATOR SYAS: Is there any other white lights up there?

SPEAKER: Not at this moment.

SENATOR SYAS: All right. All I wanted to say to Senator Richard Lewis is that the dove season set by the federal government is never that long. It never runs from September into November like he says. Of course, if he says doves are easy to hit, he is...I would like to see his shooting ability because I don't think I am the best shot but I think I am better than average. I do a lot of hunting and I will bet you I can't, when they used to be legal, I didn't get over five out of a box of shells on the fly and I doubt if he can do any better and, probably, a whole lot worse. But the thing I want to say is, the hunting season doesn't run from September to November on doves. The federal government generally sets around 60 days.

SPEAKER: If no further discussion, I will ask Senator Chambers to close on his motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I hope Senator Cavanaugh won't mind me making a reference, and Senator Luedtke, to being somewhat in the role of a defense attorney for those who cannot be here to speak for themselves in their own behalf today. We have had Senator